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TAGS: PFOR, JM

SUBJECT: PROPOSED SEAGA VISIT

REF: KINGSTON 1011

- 1. WHILE IN PRINCIPLE WE ARE ALWAYS AGREEABLE TO RECEIVING OPPOSITION FIGURES AND HEARING THEIR VIEWS, WE ARE CONCERNED THAT A SEAGA VISIT ON THE HEELS OF PATTERSON'S VISIT HERE COULD GIVE THE WRONG SIGNAL TO THE GOJ. ALTHOUGH PATTERSON VISIT WAS SUCCESSFUL FROM OUR POINT OF VIEW AND WE BELIEVE HIS AS WELL WE ARE NOW AT THE BEGINNING OF A RATHER DELICATE PROCESS AIMED AT GRADUALLY INCREASING MUTUAL CONFIDENCE AND COOPERATION. MISUNDERSTANDINGS COULD EASILY CLOUD THE ATMOSPHERE. WE EMPHATICALLY WOULD NOT RPT NOT WANT THE GOJ TO GET THE IMPRESSION THAT SEAGA HAS AN INPUT INTO OUR PLANNING, MUCH LESS THAT WE MIGHT USE OUR ASSISTANCE AS A LEVER TO FURTHER SEAGA'S POLITICAL FORTUNES.
- 2. IN VIEW OF ABOVE, YOU SHOULD TO DEGREE POSSIBLE POLITELY DISCOURAGE SEAGA VISIT. IF HE IS INSISTENT, CONFIDENTIAL

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YOU MAY TELL HIM THAT HE WILL BE RECEIVED AT THE COUNTRY DIRECTOR LEVEL AND WE WOULD PREFER A LATER RATHER THAN AN EARLIER DATE. YOU SHOULD ALSO DISABUSE HIM OF ANY THOUGHT THAT FUTURE US COOPERATION WITH THE GOJ WOULD BE IN ANY WAY CONTINGENT ON HIS EIGHT POINT PROGRAM.

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